



BernCo at a Glance E-newsletter

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CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]

BERNALILLO COUNTY INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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Stay Up-to-Date with State Mandates

Visit www.newmexico.gov.

www.BernCo.gov/coronavirus

COVID-19 Public Health Requirements

- **Foremost, please stay home if you are sick. Period.**
- Masks are mandatory in public, non-compliance can result in a \$100 fine
- For updated travel restrictions click [here](#).
- Practice social distancing -- be aware of your surroundings and others near you
- Adhere to the six-foot rule and stay at home except as needed for grocery shopping, medical assistance and exercise
- Limit group contact to 10 or fewer people
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash

New Mexico Department of Health:

- New Mexicans with COVID-19 related questions should call the coronavirus hotline at 855-600-3453
- Non-COVID-19 related questions or concerns, call 833-551-0518
[NMDOH COVID-19 Public Dashboard](#) -- the data dashboard includes county-by-county breakdowns of positive cases by age, gender and ethnicity.

Information and resources from the CDC regarding coronavirus COVID-19:

www.cdc.gov.

To read or download CDC fact sheets click [here](#).

Do you know the difference between self-isolation and self-quarantine?

The answer to this question and many more are in the *Policies for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19*. Click [here](#) to learn more.

NMConnect smartphone app for all New Mexicans ([click to learn more](#))



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All Things Election!



Clerk to Absentee Voters: Return Application Now

Bernalillo County Clerk Linda Stover recorded a video PSA urging voters wanting to vote absentee to complete and return the application now.

Bernalillo County has already received over 126,490 applications for an absentee ballot. The Clerk's Office will begin mailing absentee ballots on Oct. 6, 2020.



Do you have Questions About the 2020 General Election?

Get answers to your 2020 General Election questions by visiting the Bernalillo County Clerk's Frequently-Asked Questions page [here](#).

Wondering about how to request an absentee ballot? Questions about deadlines? Check out these FAQs to see if we've got the answers you need. Happy Voting!

[Request an Absentee Application at](#)

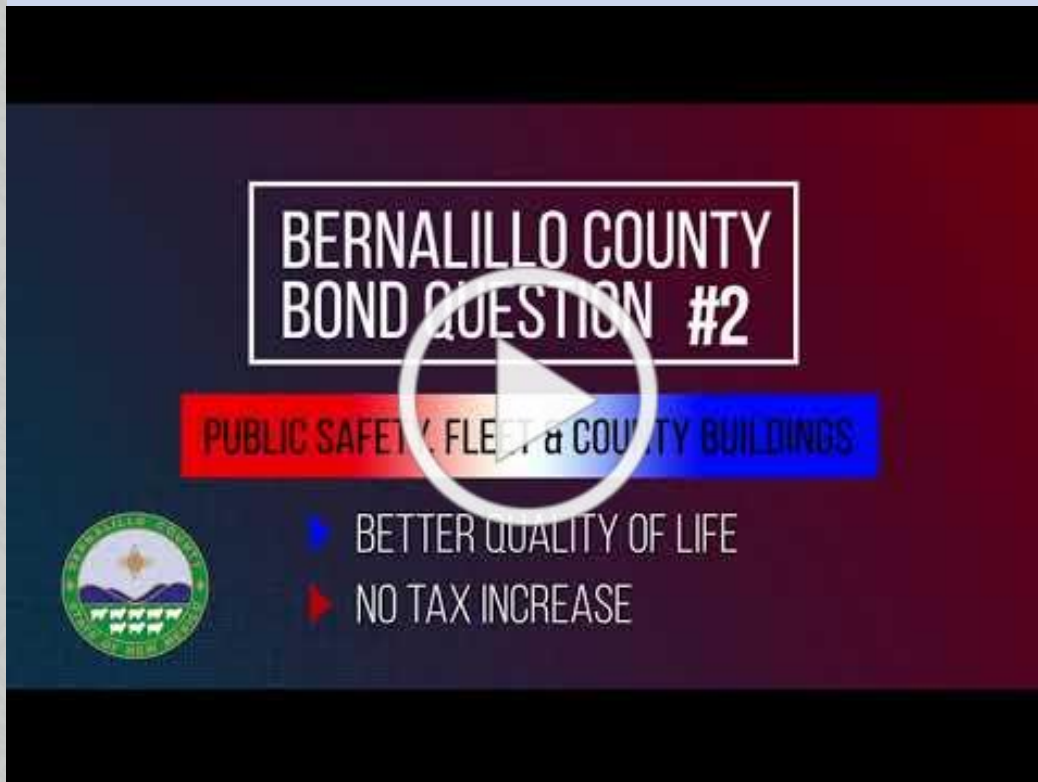
2020 General Election Key Dates

- Sept. 14, 2020 – Clerk mails absentee application to all registered voters
- Oct. 6, 2020 – Clerks begin mailing absentee ballots to voters who have requested them.
- Oct. 6-16, 2020 – In-person Absentee Voting/Same Day Registration at Clerk's Annex.
- Oct. 17-31, 2020 – Early Voting/Same Day Registration
- Oct. 20, 2020 – Deadline for clerk to receive mailed absentee applications.
- Oct. 27, 2020 – Recommended final day for voters to mail absentee ballots.
- Nov. 3, 2020 – Election Day
 - Absentee ballots must arrive by 7 p.m.

BernCo General Obligation Bond Questions are on the Ballot

General Obligation Bond Question #2 provides funding to replace Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department vehicles and other heavy equipment, renovations to the Public Safety Center in downtown Albuquerque and the Youth Services Center. It will also provide funding to tear down the old jail at Fifth and Roma and build a parking lot to provide much needed off street parking in downtown Albuquerque.

General obligation bonds improve our community and quality of life without raising taxes. Find out more about all of the bond questions at www.bernco.gov/cip.



More General Obligation Bond Questions

Watch the videos below

BernCo's currently proposed 2020 Bond Package consists of six questions totaling \$40.55 million. Details about how the bond monies will be distributed are available in the 2020 General Obligation Bond Booklet and online at www.BernCo.gov/CIP.

[GO Bond Summary](#)

[Bond Question #1](#)

[Bond Question #3](#)



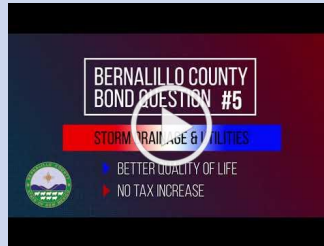
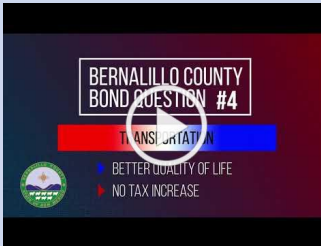
Bond Question #4



Bond Question #5



Bond Question #6



Bernalillo County commissioners have approved the opening of the Bernalillo County CARES Rental and Utility Assistance grant for qualified county residents.

The county has identified \$1 million in emergency relief monies to assist residents who are experiencing hardships due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and who are delinquent in their rents or utility payments.

Through this program, the county is offering up to \$5,000 to qualifying residential renters located within Bernalillo County, including the City of Albuquerque.

The application process begins Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 8 a.m. and runs through Wednesday, Nov. 4. Applications can be found at www.bernco.gov/housing.

For more information on eligibility and requirements click [here](#).

Movies in the Parking Lot - Friday Night Frights **Friday, Oct. 16 - A Nightmare on Elm Street**

Isleta Amphitheater 5601 University Blvd SE

Gates open at 5:30 p.m. | Movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a non-perishable food item(s) for admission to benefit the Roadrunner Food bank.



Call for Volunteers for New Sheriff's Office Advisory and Review Board

Bernalillo County is calling for volunteers to serve as one of the nine members of the new Sheriff's Office Advisory and Review Board.

The purpose of the board is to:

- Improve public transparency
- Improve Sheriff's Office accountability
- To have an opportunity for robust community engagement
- To provide analysis and review of the Sheriff's Office policies, practices, and procedures
- To provide advice to the Board of Bernalillo County Commissioners, the Sheriff's Office, and the public.

To find out more about the purpose and duties of the board, visit [**Sheriff's Office Advisory and Review Board**](#).

Interested applicants must apply by submitting a resume to be considered. Apply at [**Apply to Serve**](#)

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Membership: 9 positions available

- 5 District Appointments
- 4 At-Large
- 4 Year Terms
- At-Large Members: preferred experience, knowledge, or skill in at least one of the following areas: community service, military service, public safety service, criminal law, civil rights, or law enforcement research.

Interested applicants must apply by submitting a resume to be considered. Apply by visiting bemco.gov/boards-commissions/ and select "Apply to Serve"

Membership appointments start October 27, 2020
for specific duties of the Board, please visit bemco.gov/boards-commissions/ or call (505) 465-7063 for questions regarding the Board or the appointment process.

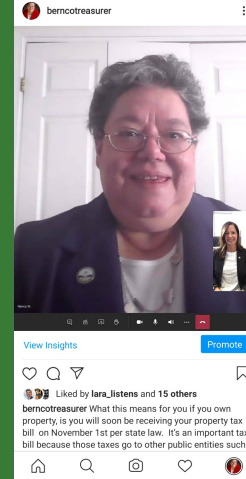
BernCo Delivers Property Tax Schedule

Earlier this month the Bernalillo County assessor and the Bernalillo County treasurer completed the virtual delivery for the property tax schedule.

What this means for you is if you own property (land, house, mobile home, business equipment, livestock), you will be

receiving your property tax bill by Nov. 1 per state law. It's an important tax bill because those taxes go to other public entities such as APS, CNM, UNMH, City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and many more (learn where your tax dollars go [here](#).)

Follow the Bernalillo County Treasurer on Instagram [here](#) to receive updates on your property taxes.



Click [here](#) to read the new release from Bernalillo County Assessor Tanya Giddings.

Pictured: Above: the “ceremonial transfer” of the property tax schedule delivery from the Bernalillo County Assessor Tanya Giddings to the Bernalillo County Treasurer Nancy Bearce. Left: Assessor Tanya Giddings.

Fire Safety Tips for the Home

Fire Prevention is always important. Engineer Lopez and Sparky are here to talk to you about fire safety in and around your home!



Bernalillo County Residents are Invited to Participate in a Community Art Project for Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge is looking for participants to help create art

for the welcome desk at the refuge's new visitor center. No special art skills are required and the refuge will send you all the materials you need. Its a fun way to be a part of the refuge development from the comfort of your own home.

And learn more about this project here:
<https://friendsofvalledeoro.org/urban-refuge-day/>



Events in October

Free diabetes cooking classes!

Virtual Kitchen Creations

To register, please call
505-445-5332
OR follow the link below

Thursday's
October 8-29th
10 AM – 11:30 AM

Via Zoom

<https://bernalilloextension.nmsu.edu>



Please join us for this free series of 4 classes!

- Learn how to plan meals that help manage diabetes.
- Practice cooking foods in healthier ways.
- Get a free manual and cookbooks.
- Enjoy the support of others who are living with diabetes.

These classes will be taught by:

- Dianne Christensen, MS, NMCEP
- Ashley Dunworth, RDN, CDCES

Kitchen Creations has been provided since 2001 by:



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
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and Environmental Sciences**



This cooking school is also sponsored by:



New Mexico State University, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact the Extension Office at 505-243-1386

Ready, Set, Grow!

Free Webinar Gardening Series

Register Online

<https://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/ready-set-grow.html>

- Sept. 2 Planting the Fall Veggie Garden with John Garlisch
Sept. 16 Pollinator Habitat for Fall & Winter with Amanda Skidmore
Oct. 7 The Humble Herb with Suzanne Cole
Oct. 21 Seed Saving with Lynda Garvin
Nov. 4 Planting trees in the Fall with Jeff Anderson
Nov. 18 Taking Care of the Winter Landscape with Marisa Thompson
Dec. 2 Gardening Gift Ideas with the Ready Set GROW Crew
Dec. 16 Hybrid Grapes, Hardwood Cuttings & Holiday Wine Pairings with Gill Giese

For more information, email us at desertblooms@nmsu.edu
or contact John Garlisch at 505-243-1386

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate,
please contact John Garlisch in advance at 505-243-1386 or garlisch@nmsu.edu.

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NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

The Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services
is excited to collaborate with Covia Well Connected to present:

Books, Movies, Games & More!

FREE Phone and Online Groups for Seniors 60+



Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) is pleased to work with Well Connected, a nationwide senior program. Visit Well Connected at <https://covia.org/services/well-connected/> and call 877.797.7299 or email coviaconnections@covia.org to register today!

Interested in volunteering to facilitate a group? Contact OSSS@bernco.gov to learn more.

Visit and like the Office of Senior and Social Services (OSSS) Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BernCoOSSS>



Programs supported by Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services



Book to Movie Discussion

Wednesdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 | 4 - 5 pm

Each month the group will read and discuss a story and its movie adaptation.
Was the movie true to the story, or not? We'll discuss the following:

- The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The movie stars Brad Pitt (September).
- Fences, a stage play by August Wilson. The movie stars Denzel Washington and Viola Davis (October).
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. The movie is titled Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, and stars Robert DeNiro (November).
- The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry. The most recent movie stars Maria Sokoloff and Mark Webber (December).

You can find the movies on streaming services such as Amazon Prime, Google Play, Netflix or YouTube.

Facilitated by Staci Moxell, Community Program Enhancement Specialist, Bernalillo County Office of Senior & Social Services

Bingo Wednesdays

Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18,
Dec. 2 and 16 | 10 - 11 am

Bingo? On the telephone? You bet! Join us for the classic game of chance and a few variations.
Call Well Connected to request Bingo cards, including cards in Braille: (877) 797-7299.



Facilitated by Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist,
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services (Wednesday)
and Janice Rooker (Saturday)

Bingo Saturdays

Sept. 5 - Dec. 26 | 10 - 11 am (beginners)
11 am - Noon (advanced)



Trivial Pursuit: Genus Edition

Every Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Dec. 29 | 4:30 - 5 pm

In the pursuit of trivial knowledge, the group will embark on a virtual game of Trivial Pursuit and compete to know the most about geography, entertainment, history, art & literature, science & nature, and sports & leisure.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Brenda Cisneros-Fernandez, Public Health Specialist,
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services, and Elantra V.



Teeniors and the Value of Human Connection

Tuesday, October 6 | Noon - 1 pm

Teeniors® are tech-savvy young people who help older adults learn technology through one-on-one, personalized coaching. Whether it's a smartphone, tablet, computer or software - the goal is to empower older adults to connect with their loved ones, engage with their communities, and the world, through technology - while providing paid, meaningful jobs for youth, showing how the power of human connection all over the world brings change to our communities.

Facilitated by Amber Carroll, Director of Covia Well Connected, and Trish Lopez, Teeniors NM
Bernalillo County Office of Senior and Social Services

(click each news release below to read in full)

Commissioners Pass Gender-Pay Equity Amendment Amendment to procurement ordinance

Oct. 14, 2020 - Bernalillo County commissioners passed an amendment to the Bernalillo County procurement code that gives a 5% preference to businesses that have no pay gap between male and female employees.

Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty - Behavioral Health Town Hall

Oct. 13, 2020 - On Sept. 16 earlier this year, District 5 Commissioner Charlene Pyskoty hosted a Town Hall on the status and progress of the Behavioral Health Initiative

MDC Acquires New Fogger to Help Tackle the Spread of COVID Cases in Jail

Oct. 12, 2020 - The Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) is now using new fogger equipment to disinfect large areas of the jail to protect staff and inmates from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Thank you for reading BernCo at a Glance

For assistance, please contact:

- Metropolitan Detention Center (general inmate info): (505) 839-8700
- Roads and traffic: (505) 848-1504 or (505) 848-1503
- Animal Care Services: (505) 468-PETS
- Property Maintenance (report a park or facility that needs cleanup): (505) 224-2119
- Schedule a large item pick-up: (505) 892-1200
- Department of Behavioral Health Services customer service: (505) 468-1555
- Court of Wills, Estates and Probate (general info): (505) 468-1232
 - Schedule an appointment: call (505) 468-1229 or email, probate@bernco.gov
- Unclaimed & Indigent Cremation Program: (505) 468-7295
- Accounts Payable general inquiries: (505) 468-7020
- All other calls: (505) 468-7777 or email, contactcenter@bernco.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- [Glyphosate Moratorium](#)

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